

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
MA120026-AC

VIOLATOR:
BioTrans, LLC

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):
Morristown, NJ 07960

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: July 14 through July 15, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.64(a) Care in transit. Your driver failed to visually observe live rabbits as frequently as circumstances may dictate, but no less than once every 4 hours, to assure that they were receiving sufficient air for normal breathing, their ambient temperatures were within the prescribed limits, all other applicable standards were being complied with and to determine whether any of the live rabbits were in obvious physical distress and to provide any needed veterinary care as soon as possible.

While transporting a shipment of rabbits to a research facility, your driver failed to observe the animals for a period of over four hours. Eight rabbits were discovered dead upon arrival at the research facility.

Date of Violation: May 7, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.27(a) Notification of change of operation. You failed to notify the AC Regional Director by certified mail of any change in the name, address, or ownership, or other change in operations within 10 days after making such change.

You failed to notify the AC Regional Director within 10 days of making a change in the address of business operations from MA to NJ. As a result, APHIS personnel were not able to conduct an inspection in October 2011.

Date of Violation: March 20, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and inspection of records and property. You failed to make a responsible adult available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

A responsible adult was not available to accompany APHIS officials and allow an inspection of your facility.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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